

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting on the third to last line on page 3 as follows:

FIG. 2 shows an expandable toy in the expanded state; ~~and~~

Please amend the following paragraph as follows:

FIG. 3 shows the positioning of the elastic bands and inflatable device when the expandable toy is expanded; ~~;~~

Please add the following paragraphs after the above referenced paragraph:

--FIG. 4 shows a perspective view of an additional embodiment of the toy;

FIG. 5 shows a side-perspective view of another embodiment of the device;

FIG. 6A shows a side perspective view of another embodiment of the device in an inflated state;

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FIG. 6B shows the embodiment of FIG. 6A in a deflated state;

FIG. 7A shows a top view of another embodiment of the invention in an inflated state; and

FIG. 7B shows the embodiment of FIG. 7A in a deflated state.--